

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Broadband at a Glance
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB
☒ Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service ☐ Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: The Internet has become an important tool for businesses, households, and governments to interact with each other in the creation of economic activity. The growth of Internet use over the past 10-15 years has been impressive—22 percent of the world's population count themselves as Internet users. But questions remain about equal access to the Internet, particularly through the high-speed connections required to fully experience the Internet's potential. This report looks at growth in broadband Internet use among rural and urban residents and households and discusses some of the issues and data needs that require more attention among researchers and policymakers.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: ☐ Panel Review ☒ Individual Reviewers
☐ Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/23/08 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: ☐ 3 or fewer ☒ 4 to 10 ☐ More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: ☒ Agency ☐ Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? ☐ Yes ☒ No